

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (Previously Presented) A data communication terminal comprising:

data communication means for connecting to a communication network, in which accounting is made according to a transmitted/received data amount, to carry out data communication;

means for recognizing a start and an end of transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective data;

means for measuring a transmitted/received data amount from the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of objective data;

means for judging whether or not the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached a specified data amount;

means for, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount; and

20 means for setting an upper limit value corresponding to a maximum allowed data amount for continuous transmission/reception of any set of objective data;

wherein the judgment by the judging means is performed such that, when the set upper limit value is reached, it is
25 judged that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount; and

wherein when transmission/reception of data is not suspended but continued after it is judged that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, the upper
30 limit value is temporarily increased.

Claims 7-10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) A data communication terminal comprising:

means for carrying out data communication via a communication network selected between a communication network
5 where accounting is made according to a data amount and a communication network where accounting is made according to connection time;

means for setting a limit amount of a communication charge;

means for calculating the communication charge required for
10 data communication in real time according to the selected
communication network;

means for judging whether or not the calculated
communication charge has reached the limit amount of
communication charge;

15 means for, when it is judged that the calculated
communication charge has reached the limit amount, warning a user
that the calculated communication charge has reached the limit
amount; and

means for, when the calculated communication charge has
20 reached the limit amount, (i) temporarily suspending
transmission/reception of data when connected to the
communication network where accounting is made according to the
data amount, and waiting for an instruction to resume or
terminate connection from a user, and (ii) terminating
25 transmission/reception of the data to be transmitted/received
without waiting for the instruction from the user when connected
to the communication network where accounting is made according
to the connection time.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) A data communication terminal according to claim 11, further comprising means for ending communication connection immediately when terminating transmission/reception of the data to be transmitted/received without waiting for the instruction from a user, when connected to the communication network where accounting is made according to the connection time.

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